

VZCZCXRO6175
OO RUEHSK RUEHSL
DE RUEHVEN #0230 2941602
ZNR UUUUU ZZH
O 211602Z OCT 09
FM USMISSION USOSCE
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6652
INFO RUCNCFE/CONVENTIONAL ARMED FORCES IN EUROPE PRIORITY
RUEHNO/USMISSION USNATO PRIORITY 1756
RUEAIIA/CIA WASHDC PRIORITY
RUEKJCS/DIA WASHDC PRIORITY
RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHDC PRIORITY
RUESDT/DTRA-OSSES DARMSTADT GE PRIORITY
RHMFISS/CDR USEUCOM VAIHINGEN GE PRIORITY
RUEKJCS/JOINT STAFF WASHDC//J5-DDPMA-IN/CAC/DDPMA-E// PRIORITY
RUEAHQA/HQ USAF WASHINGTON DC//XONP// PRIORITY
RUEADWD/DA WASHINGTON DC PRIORITY
RUEASWA/DTRA ALEX WASHINGTON DC//OSAE PRIORITY

UNCLAS USOSCE 000230

SENSITIVE
SIPDIS

STATE FOR VCI/CCA, EUR/RPM
NSC FOR FRIEDT, HAYDEN
JCS FOR J5 NORWOOD, COL SMITH
OSD FOR ISA (KEHL, WALLENDER)

E.O. 12958: N/A
TAGS: [KCFE](#) [OSCE](#) [PARM](#) [PREL](#)
SUBJECT: CFE/JCG: OCTOBER 20: DELEGATIONS CONSIDER
MINISTERIAL DECLARATION

¶1. (SBU) At the October 20 Joint Consultative Group (JCG) plenary chaired by Denmark (Petersen), Turkey and Spain criticized the Russian Federation for refusing their respective October CFE inspection requests. Ten other delegations, including the U.S., supported the Turkish and Spanish statements. Greece, at the request of the U.S., specifically mentioned Turkey in its statement of support. The U.S. (Neighbour) thanked Turkey and Spain for bringing to the JCG's attention these instances of clear Russian non-compliance with CFE Treaty obligations. Russia (Ulyanov) again accused all NATO member states of "flagrant and blatant violations" of CFE numerical limits, but noted particularly non-compliance in the flank. Ulyanov excluded Georgia in the guilty group since "Georgia was not in breach of any numerical limitations."

¶2. (SBU) Hungary (Toth) reported it had conducted a joint trial inspection with Croatia and Slovenia, October 13)16, underlining that, since the adapted CFE would replace the original Treaty's bloc-to-bloc approach with national, territorial limits, this exercise allowed Hungary to share its experience directly with Croatia and Slovenia, thus opening the door to new states interested in joining CFE. Hungary said it hoped this level of cooperation would continue, and that it was ready to cooperate with any state interested in joining CFE in the future.

¶3. (SBU) At the conclusion of AOB, the Chair (Petersen) observed that normal practice has been for the JCG to contribute draft declaration language in advance of the December ministerial. Denmark said it would prepare a draft contribution with the help of Spain as incoming JCG Chair for consideration at the next meeting. Russia (Ulyanov) said it was happy to review a possible draft JCG contribution to the ministerial declaration, but the draft would be carefully studied in Moscow to ensure that it reflected reality, i.e., the JCG "is doing nothing to resolve the current problem."

- - - - -
Next Meeting
- - - - -

¶4. (U) The next JCG plenary will be on October 27 under the chairmanship of Denmark. The NATO-T, chaired by Canada, will

take place immediately preceding the plenary.
CHRISTENSEN